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Security at Dock/Morale of Guards and Stevedores

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Boarding: Ship was met approximately one mile outside Gdynia at the sea buoy by a pilot vessel. Only the pilot came aboard. The only weapons visible were the rifles of two soldiers aboard the pilot vessel.

Security Measures: When the vessel was searched at the dock upon arrival and before departure, the stevedores were not allowed aboard until after the arrival search was completed, and were also not allowed aboard after the departure search. The crew was confined in their cabins, the officers in the midship house area, during the search. This was contrasted with previous procedure when the crew was confined under guard in one area and the officers were confined to their cabins. The radio was not sealed while in port, but it is believed that this was an oversight. The search itself, conducted by two five-man teams armed with rifles, accompanied by ship's crew members, lasted about two hours each time, and was very thorough.

Liberty: The ship's crew was allowed ashore, and their movements were apparently unrestricted. Each man was issued a shore pass on the ship which he had to exchange for another pass at the gate. On coming aboard he reversed the procedure.

Security at the Dock: The ship was guarded constantly by three armed men on the wharf, one each at the bow, gangway, and stern. Numerous guard towers mounting machine guns were also in the wharf area.

Morale: The guards were aloof and their morale seemed high. The stevedores, on the other hand, had very low morale, even lower than was evidenced on previous trips. The stevedores stated that they hate the Soviet officers.

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